(i) For Education, Roads & Bridges, Public Buildings is due for release in November, 06 subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by TFC in its Report.

(ii) For Forest & Heritage Conservation is due for release in November, 06 on receipt of action plan duly approved by State High Level Committee subject to conditions stipulated by the Commission in its Report.

(iii) For State Specific Needs for 2006-07 will be released in four quarterly instalments in the months of May, August, November and February for the requirement assessed for the year, subject to submission of Action Plan duly approved by State High Level Committee.

(iv) Calamity Relief Fund is due for release in December, 06 subject to fulfillment of conditions laid down in the guidelines circulated by Ministry of Finance.

(v) Local Bodies Grants is to be released in the months of July, and January on fulfillment of conditions laid down in the guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance.

Charging of inspection fees by SBI

†1535. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Bank of India has deducted a certain amount from the accounts of all of its customers who have taken loans in the name of inspection fees on 31st March, 2006;

(b) if so, the basis of this decision; and

(c) whether Government's permission has been obtained in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that a scale of inspection charges has been drawn out by the Bank and accordingly levied on all loan accounts. This has been in vogue for several years. However, no inspection charge is levied on loan amounts upto Rs. 25,000/-.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Levy of inspection charges is an internal decision of the Bank and is in the nature of recovery of expenditure incurred by the bank in conducting physical inspection of borrowers' units.

(c) The Government's permission has not been sought by SBI for this decision, as it is purely an operational matter.

Increase in Income Tax Collection

†1536. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Income Tax collection is not rising inspite of rise in foreign companies and employees in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the Income Tax collection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The collections under Corporate Income Tax and Personal Income Tax upto 30th June, 2006 of the current financial year are 44.75% higher as compared to collections under these Heads during the corresponding period of preceding year.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to para (a) above.

(c) Apart from legal action for recovery of tax dues as prescribed under the Income Tax Act, the government has taken the following special measures in the current year for increasing the Corporate Income Tax and Personal Income Tax:

1. Identification of cases involving substantial amount of arrears which are pending before Commissioners (Appeals) and asking the Commissioners (Appeals) concerned to dispose of such appeals so that the resultant demand can be collected during the current financial year itself.

2. Requesting ITAT Benches to dispose off high demand appeals.

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